

Appn. No. 10/782,070
Amendment dated February 17, 2005
Reply to Office Action mailed November 17, 2004

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 12 remain in this application. No claims have been cancelled or withdrawn. Claims 13 through 17 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Part 1 of the Office Action

The drawings have been objected to.

The requirement of "seven" dividers in the claims has been changed to "six", which is consistent with the drawings, and therefore it is submitted that the objection to the drawings is overcome.

Part 2 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 7, and 12 have been objected to for the informalities noted in the Office Action.

Claims 1, 2, 7, and 12 have been amended in a manner believed to clarify any informalities in the language.

Withdrawal of the objection to claims 1, 2, 7, and 12 is therefore respectfully requested.

Parts 3 and 4 of the Office Action

Claims 1 through 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Folsom, US Patent 4,852,725.

Claims 5 through 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Folsom in view of DeWitt.

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Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires, in combination, "a plurality of lateral dividers positioned in said housing, each one of said lateral dividers having an inclined orientation such that *a bottom edge of each of said lateral dividers is positioned closer to the front of said housing and a top edge of each of said lateral dividers is positioned closer to the rear of said housing* so that said divider walls are inclined away from a user positioned at the front of said housing during use, each of said lateral dividers being for supporting a container of craft materials", "a lid pivotally mounted on said housing at the rear of said housing such that said lid pivots toward the front of said housing to close the interior space of said housing and *pivots away from the front of said housing to expose said interior space*, said lid having *an open position characterized by said lid being located rearwardly of said housing*", and "wherein said housing and said lid are transparent to permit viewing of items positioned in said interior space when said lid is in a closed position".

It is therefore submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly obvious combination of Folsom and De Witt set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claims 1 and 7. Further, claims 2 through 6 and 13 through 17, which depend from claim 1, and claims 8 through 12, which depend from claim 7, also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1 through 12 is therefore respectfully requested.

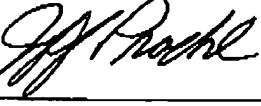
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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

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